

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the achievements of an inspiring student-athlete, Melissa Beyruti of Kean University.

Melissa an All-American senior basketball guard from Union City, New Jersey, finished her career this past March to become the NCAA Division III leader in all-time games played with 128.

She also became Kean's all-time leading scorer- closing out her career with 1,974 points, and holds the NCAA all-division record for career-three pointers with 397.

In addition to being chosen for the 2010 NCAA Division III State Farm Coaches' All American Team- Melissa has been named as both the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metro Region Player of the Year, and the New Jersey Athletic Player of the Year.

Highlights of her career have been featured in the New York Times and Sports Illustrated.

Melissa has served as both an exemplar student athlete and role model for young girls and women- making her family, university, and the community of Union City very proud.

She is an inspiration to many, and I want to congratulate her.

I look forward to her many future successes on and off the court.

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